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SUBJECT: A PENTECOSTAL CONGREGATION SEEKS TO EMIGRATE

1. AN ENTIRE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH CONGREGATION OF 500 MEMEMBERS
HAS APPLIED FOR EMIGRATION ON FEB 21. A DELEGATION REPRESENTING
THE GROUP CAME TO MOSCOW FROM KRASNODAR KRAY, MET WITH VALENTIN
TURCHIN OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, AND WENT TO OVIR TO SUBMIT THE
APPLICATIONS. THE PENTECOSTAL CONGREGATION (OBSSHCHINA) IS REPORTED
TO CONSIST OF ABOUT ONE HUNDERED FAMILIES.

2. COMMENT. A MASS APPLICATION OF THIS NATURE IS BELIEVED TO BE
UNPRECEDENTED IN RECENT TIMES, ALTHOUGH GROUP MIGRATIONS BY SECTS
OF CHRISTIANS WERE FAIRLY COMMON AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, BEFORE
THE REVOLUTION. WE RECALL, HOWEVER, THE CASE DURING THE WINTER OF
1962-63 OF ABOUT 40 BAPTIST "INITSIATIVNIKI" ENTERING THE EMBASSY
EN MASSE AND LEAVING ONLY AFTER RECEIVING OFFICIAL WRITTEN
ASSURANCES BY MFA THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO REPRISALS FOR
THEIR ACTION. DISSIDENTS WILL PROBABLY RELEASE THE STORY TO
JOURNALISTS ON FEB 22. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS
THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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